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Mr. John Joyce
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Dear John:

On June 13, 2007, you accompanied me during an aerial survey for gypsy moth-caused tree defoliation at Lakehurst Naval Air Engineering Center. Approximately 10.4 acres of light defoliation (30-50%) and 28.6 acres of heavy defoliation (51-100 %) were detected on site while 14.6 acres of heavy defoliation was detected on adjacent non-federal lands (Figure 1). None of this defoliation occurred within the 2007 gypsy moth treatment blocks. Figure 2 depicts the defoliation that occurred in the eastern portion of Fort Dix and is enclosed for your information.

If you anticipate requesting either financial or technical assistance for gypsy moth control in 2008, please contact Brad Onken (304) 285-1546 or me (304) 285-1555 before August 24, 2007.

Please contact me at the above number if you have any questions regarding this aerial survey letter.

Sincerely,

RODNEY L. WHITEMAN
Forester
Forest Health Protection

Enclosure

Cc: Joe Zoltowski, NJDA
George Koeck, NJDF
Noel Schneeberger, AO
Robert Lueckel, MFO

Figure 1. -- Results of the aerial detection survey conducted at Lakehurst Naval Air Station on June 12, 2007.

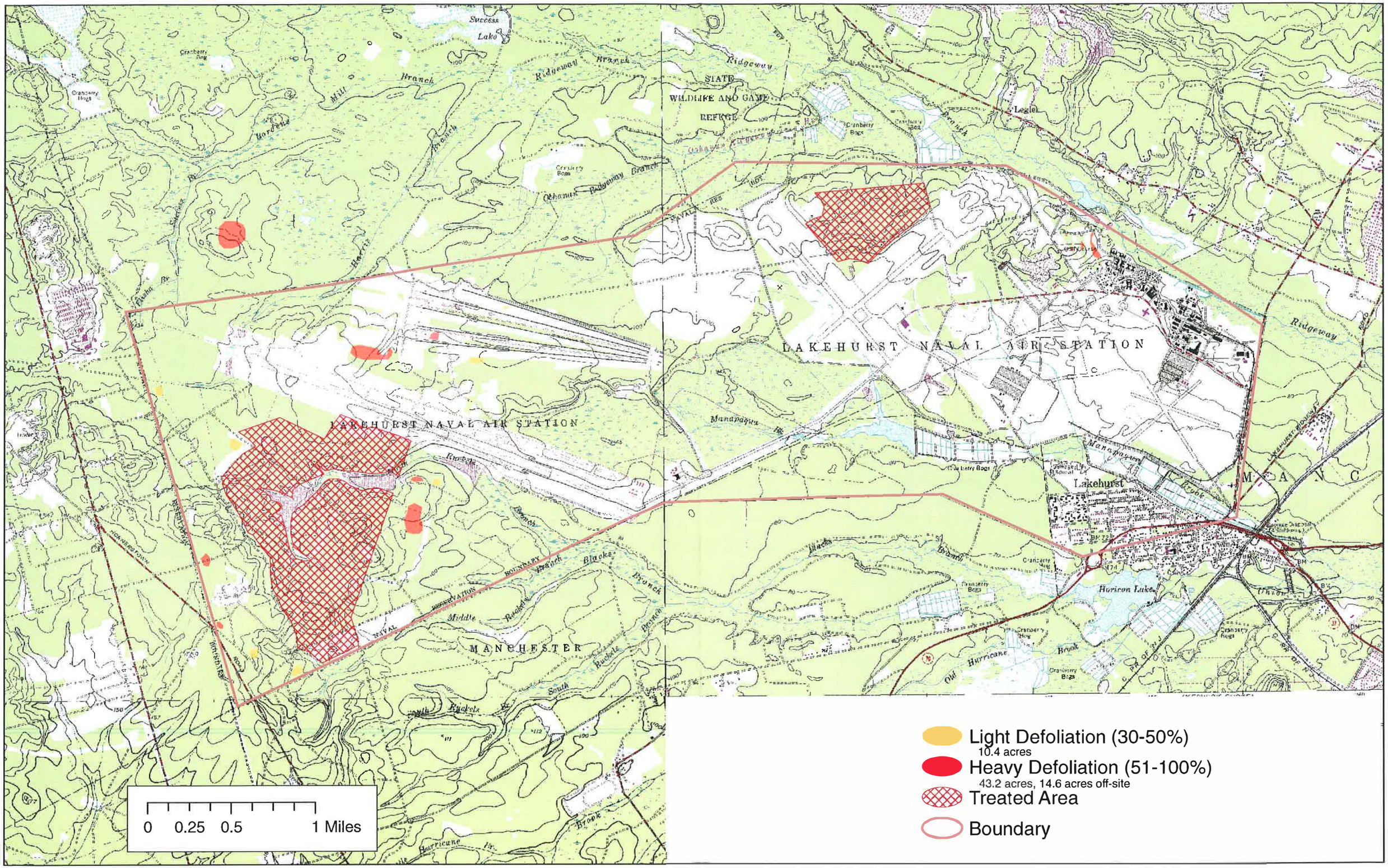

Figure 2. -- Results of the aerial detection survey conducted on the eastern side of Ft Dix on June 13, 2007.